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1. On 12 October 1952, 3 officers and 78 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer insignia and carrying bag age were transported from the Grima (N 52/E 40) railroad station in the direction of Doebeln.¹
2. On 13 October, the buildings of the Strassburg Kaserne on Leipziger Strasse and Elsner Kaserne on Franz Mehring Strasse were occupied to capacity. The installations were guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets.² The headquarters in the NAGEMA on Franz Mehring Strasse was occupied on the same day. The adjoining building quartered a guard company of 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and their commanding officer Senior Lieutenant Kutsov (Pnu) who rode jeep [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. On 13 October, the Otterwisch tank firing range south of Grima was unoccupied.⁴
4. During the period from 8 to 11 October, the Strassburg Kaserne on Leipziger Strasse was occupied by a unit the personnel of which wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 40 soldiers of this unit and 7 JS-3 tanks [redacted] 3 trucks, 2 small trucks and 1 sedan were detained at the Grima freight station between 2 and 6 p.m. on 8 October. On 11 October, numerous JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 3 trucks [redacted] were unloaded at the railroad station and hauled to the Strassburg Kaserne. The rear windows of the buildings of the Strassburg Kaserne were brightly lighted at night.² On 11 October, the high school on Ernst Thaelmann Strasse was also occupied by Soviet soldiers.² [redacted] young soldiers of 17 to 19 years of age wearing visor-type caps with light-green stripes or field caps but no belts and carrying no arms were in the streets. 50X1-HUM
5. During the period from 8 to 12 October, 3,500 to 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank or signal insignia and about 125 motor vehicles including rocket launcher [redacted] trucks [redacted] towing heavy mortars; 25 four-wheel reconnaissance cars [redacted] 13 track-laying vehicles with twin-barreled machine guns [redacted] 6 ambulances; 2 sedans [redacted] 4 trucks [redacted] each towing a 76.2-mm gun; 21 sidecar motorcycles each

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occupied by 3 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and 5 trucks towing guns returned by rail to Wurzen (N 52/E 42) and moved to the Flak Kaserne on Eilenburger Strasse. Trucks []

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[] hauled about 3,000 ammunition boxes to the barracks installation. On 12 October, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by about 4,000 troops.

6. On 8 and 9 October, units with 23 T-34 tanks and 3 armored scout cars entered the Flak Kaserne on Eilenburger Strasse in Wurzen. Motor vehicles

[] were seen driving to, and from, the barracks installation.

1. [] Comment. Probably an engineer detachment of the 1st Gds Mecz Army which, in September 1952, constructed a temporary bridge across the Mulde River south of Grimma. []

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[] Comment. On 10 October 1952 [] a tank unit moving from the railroad station to the Strassburg Kaserne where components of the 1st Gds Tank Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div are carried. []

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[] It is not known whether other components and the head quarters of the regiment are stationed in Borna. []

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[] Comment. The headquarters of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is stationed in the NACHHA and the 133d Gds Engr Bn and the unidentified signal battalion are probably stationed in the Elsnor Kaserne.

[] Comment. The small Otterwisch troop training grounds was occupied by minor units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div during the summer.

[] Comment. The division hospital, which during the summer was in Koenigsbrueck, is located in the high school and in the Landratsamt.

[] Comment. The information indicates that the units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Weissenfels returned to their military posts. They probably included the 8th Gds Mtrcl Bn the military post. []

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